



## Bibliography

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## blue flag iris

*Iris shrevei*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering plants

### Features

Blue flag iris is a perennial herb with a thick underground stem (rhizome). Its leaves are smooth and may be three feet long and one to 1 1/2 inches wide. Blue flowers grow at the tips of the stems. Flowers may be three inches across. The seeds develop in capsules that are up to four inches long.

### Natural History

Blue flag iris grows in wet meadows, fens, marshes, pond/lake borders, and ditches. It flowers from May through June.

### Habitats

Mississippi River; Missouri River; natural lakes and prairie marshes; constructed lakes, ponds, and reservoirs; interior rivers and streams; wet prairies and fens

### Iowa Status

common; native

### Iowa Range

scattered throughout Iowa in suitable habitats